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ROSA L. DELAURO

3RD DISTRICT, CONNECTICUT

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for ConnCORP's ConnCAT Place on Dixwell Grocery Store and Food Hall in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Connecticut Community Outreach Revitalization Project (ConnCORP), located at 5 Science Park, New Haven, CT 06511.

The \$5 million ConnCORP is requesting in funding would be used to deliver a grocery store and food hall to the Dixwell community of which this request will help build that needed amenity in the community. ConnCAT Place on Dixwell reflects a carefully curated vision of restorative and sustainable economic revitalization in the Dixwell neighborhood of New Haven. ConnCAT Place at Dixwell will be a 7.5-acre sustainable, mixed use development that addresses the city's economic development plans for Dixwell, connecting the Dixwell corridor to downtown, while also responding to the community's needs. In 2021, Advance CT conducted an economic impact analysis of this development. Overall, ConnCAT Place on Dixwell will generate nearly \$1B in economic activity to the state of CT over a 10-year period, as well as create 745 jobs, of which 544 will be created in the city of New Haven. Of that, the grocery store and food hall buildings will generate \$210MM in economic activity and over 200 jobs throughout the 10 year period.

Over years of working in Dixwell, followed by directed community meetings where they asked about the needs of the community, they heard again and again a desire for local healthy food options. This neighborhood is a food dessert and community members need access to fresh food. They know that access to a grocery store. In addition, they will also build a food hall, which will encourage local food entrepreneurs to have access to setting up their food businesses without having to incur the prohibitive overhead costs of a restaurant. This project was designed with the goal of meeting these community needs front and center, while also being financially sustainable. Ultimately, each element of this project addresses the insidious and persistent issue of poverty.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by 42 U.S.C. 5305(a)(4).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rosa L. DeLauro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress